

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3755

INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PA

SUBJECT: GOP DETAINS PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 A.M. AUGUST 12 TWO PLAINSCLOTHES POLICE-MEN DRIVING A CAR WITH ARGENTINE NUMBERPLATES) FORCED THEIR WAY INTO THE HOUSE OF ANIBAL RECALDE SOSA, PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE POLICEMEN ARRESTED RECALDE AND HE IS NOW PROBABLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS POLICE.

2. CHRISTAIN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CALLED AT THE EMBASSY AND TOLD US THEY BELIEVE THE ACTION IS GOVERNMENT RETALIATION FOR A DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AUGUST 10 AND CARRIED BY THE INDEPENDENT DAILY NEWSPAPERSAUGUST 12. THE DECLARATION, AMOUNG OTHER THINGS, QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF THE STROESSNER GOVERNMENT AND CALLED FOR A NATIONAL DIALOGUE.

3. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS TO SEEK A CLARIFICATION OF THE SITUATION. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT.

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